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In re Application of:

John J. Harrington, et al.

Serial No.: 09/760,897

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For: Compositions and Methods for Non-Targeted

Activation of Endogenous Genes

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Examiner: Not Assigned

Atty. Docket: 0221-0003O(C)

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant herewith respectfully requests the following amendments:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph before "Field of the Invention" with the following:

## CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/515,124, filed February 27, 2000, entitled "Compositions and Methods for Non-Targeted Activation of Endogenous Genes," naming John J. Harrington, Bruce Sherf, and Stephen Rundlett as inventors, which is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/276,820, filed March 26, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/263,814, filed March 8, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/253,022, filed February 19, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/159,643, filed September 24, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/941,223, filed September 26, 1997, the disclosures of all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

## **REMARKS**

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter these-amendments prior to examining the application on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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